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NOTE FOR THE DCI

SUBJECT: Information Given Congress

1. Following our conversation this morning, I asked OLL to expand on [ ] memo which cited statistics on budget-oriented questions answered by the Agency. The attached indicates the several vehicles for additional passage of information; some of them can have or do have statistical backup (DDI publications, numbers of briefings, etc) -- one important class does not (senior officer conversations) unless Memoranda for the Record are written. Often they are not.

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2. Today, a copy of almost everything that goes to Congress in documentary form is logged and retained in OLL's Registry. It is, however, not indexed. Nor is the budget material sent by the Comptroller; OLL files do record the transmittal but, generally, do not include a copy. Transcripts of hearings are keyed in word-processing machines in OLL so that a keyword search can be made automatically of things said at formal hearings. Other materials are filed by Committee, essentially chronologically.

3. Thus, specific subject searching of information passed to Congress is essentially a manual process. Statistical data can be compiled more easily, but also mostly manually. As we did with the mining question, we put roller skates on a large number of people and race them through files both in Headquarters and (usually if desired information is over a year old) at Records Center. Increasingly, as word-processing equipment is used, we have the capability to retrieve whole documents. But this is not specific information retrieval.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

THROUGH: Director, Office of Legislative Liaison *cy*

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Liaison Division  
Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Information Flows from the Agency to the Congress

REFERENCE: Memo for D/OLL, dated 20 April 1984, Subj: Written Congressional Questions

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1. The referent memorandum dealt with the magnitude of and manner in which the Agency provides information to the Congress resulting from formal, written questions received from the Hill. The purpose of this memorandum is to expand upon the first memo, by addressing other means via which the Agency communicates information to the Congress. In this memorandum, I will not necessarily differentiate between analytical judgments, sources and methods information, highly sensitive operational information, and the like.

2. One means via which the Agency conveys information to the Congress is through narrative discussion with either Members of Congress or their Congressional staff by senior Agency officials, ranging from the Director down to, generally speaking, Agency operating officials at the SIS 4 level. Agency legislative liaison personnel may or may not accompany senior officers in these instances. Where they participate in or are party to the discussions, our liaison officers are required to document such meetings for the record. Where our legislative liaison personnel do not accompany or otherwise participate in such discussions, Agency records are documented only to the extent that the involved senior officers make their meeting a matter of record. We in OLL may or may not receive a copy of such documentation where it is prepared.

3. Another means of conveying Agency information to the Hill is via dissemination of current intelligence publications and intelligence estimative products. [REDACTED]

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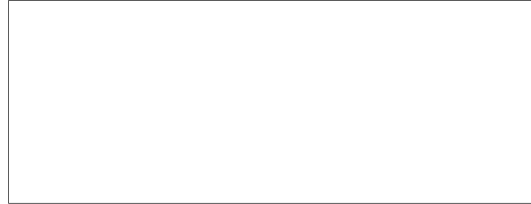
[REDACTED] All of the data concerning the dissemination of these Agency publications is a matter of record within the Agency.

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8. While there may well be other isolated means by which Agency information is communicated, I believe the above to be a reasonably comprehensive summary of the means utilized by the Agency and its employees to communicate officially with the Congress. I remain available to provide whatever additional information on this matter you may require.



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